

Budget for One Minnesota



Intensive Supervised Release (ISR)

Intensive Supervised Release (ISR) agents provide 24/7 supervision that includes random home visits conducted during the night, weekends, and holidays on the highest-risk offenders released from prison. Home visits are often in high-crime neighborhoods or sparsely populated areas where law enforcement backup is not readily available. The potential for a catastrophic assault is a very real possibility. The funding will allow agents to conduct their work in pairs, and use the proper communications and transport technology to allow them to safely do their jobs. Working in pairs increases the safety of the agents and allows agents to better address at-risk behaviors.

All of the individuals under ISR are assessed as very high-risk for repeat sexual or violent offending, or are Level 3 predatory offenders. While agents wear protective vests, carry a cell phone and pepper spray, the potential for an agent being assaulted is a very real possibility throughout Minnesota. Further, in the more rural communities, if an agent is requesting backup as they are being assaulted or threatened, the response time is longer. DOC policy requires 50 percent of the supervision visits occur during non-traditional hours, so ISR agents often complete home visits past 10 p.m.

Across Minnesota, many county probation departments require that agents conduct home visits in pairs for safety. We have to support our staff at a state level the same way counties are supporting their staff. We also need these additional supervision agents to ensure caseloads meet statutory requirements and allow for agents to partner in home visits and transports. This contributes to safer communities.



Fund Additional Agents

Governor Walz's budget provides \$2.5 million in FY2020 and \$5 million in FY2021 to provide ISR supervision to offenders in the community. This request includes salaries, supplies and equipment for 19 FTEs (17 agents, 1 supervisor and 1 support staff). Additionally, it includes pass through funds to CCA counties (\$1.588 million in FY2020, \$3.176 million in FY2021 and each subsequent year).